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PIEZOELECTRIC OSCILLATOR, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USING A

PIEZOELECTRIC OSCILLATOR

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REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111, and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-20 and 22-24 are pending in the application and under consideration, as claims 2, 3, 8, 9 and 21 have been canceled.

By the above amendments, claims 2, 3, 8, 9 and 21 have been canceled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19. In addition, claims 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, and 23 have been revised to correct their dependency.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of claims 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17, 21 and 23 as being allowable.

The specification stands objected under 37 CFR §1.75(d)(1) as allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. This objection is traversed for the following reasons.

The Examiner has requested clarification between cellular and microcellular. The recitation microcellular or microporous is applicable to cellular structures such as foam and similar structures. Cellular as defined by The American College Dictionary (Fourth Ed.) is a small enclosed cavity or space, as in a honeycomb. Micro refers to the small cellular structure. Based on the plain meaning of the words, it is understood that microcellular refers to small enclosed cavities. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is believed to be in order and it is respectfully requested.